(c) the places in Kerala where these courts are proposed to be established;

(d) whether any financial assistance is proposed to be given to the States for establishing such courts;

(e) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(f) whether the United Nations Agency UNFEDAL has given financial assistance to India for eradication of drug (NARCOTIC) trafficking and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Section 36 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 as amended, provides for trial of offences by Special Courts.

(b) The States of Maharashtra, Manipur and Goa have constituted Special Courts for trial of cases under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. The States of Punjab, Rajasthan, Meghalaya and Kerala have asked for financial help for setting up of Special Courts.

(c) The High Court of Kerala has recommended constitution of special courts at Thodupuzha and Vadakara.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal at present.

(f) The United Nations fund for Drug Abuse Control are providing financial aid of U. S. $ 20 Million during a five year period from 1989 to (i) strengthen the law enforcement measures against illicit drug trafficking, (ii) strengthening of laboratories, (iii) monitoring of licit opium production, (iv) drug abuse preventive education, (v) drug dependence prevention and treatment, and (vi) rehabilitation and social reintegration of ex-drug addicts.

Export of Spices

4199. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a possibility of increase in export of spices this year;

(b) if so, the estimated exports of various items of spices, country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the export of spices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) The target for export of spices during 1991-92 has been tentatively fixed at 115,000 MT as compared to 97.291 MT exported during 1990-91. Country-wise targets have not been fixed. Targets fixed zone-wise are indicated below:—

Zone	Qty. (MT)
1. America	16629
2. Australia & Oceanie	1155
3. W. Europe	16807
4. E. Europe	20790
5. East Asia	38083
6. WANA	20571
7. Others	965
	115.000

The Spices Board has taken the following measures to promote exports of spices from India:

(1) Encouraging export of value

added items like spice oils and oleoresins, spice blends and mixes and also export in branded consumer packs.

(2) Sending delegations/study teams to selected markets for market promotion.

(3) Arranging buyer-seller meets in India for business development

(4) Participating in selected international fairs and exhibitions.

(5) To popularise various brands of Indian spices and to develop loyalty to Indian Brands, the Spices Board have introduced a Brand Promotion Scheme.

(6) Taking up development and research programmes for increasing productivity and production of spices.

(7) Undertaking various steps such as grower education and establishment of quality upgradation laboratory for improving cleanliness of Indian spices to meet importers requirements.

The exchange rate adjustment and the enlarged REP Scheme are expected to give an impetus to the growth in export of spices.

Export of Rubber

4200. SHRI P. C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be *pleased to state :*

(a) whether there is a scope for increasing the export of rubber; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) The demand supply gap in respect of natural rubber still persists. As such, there is no proposal to export rubber at present.

[Translation]

Import and Export of Cotton

4201. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of import and export of cotton during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, separately;

(b) whether more foreign exchange can be earned by exporting the cotton textiles instead of cotton; and

(c) if so, the reasons for exporting cotton itself ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The details of export of cotton during the cotton seasons 1988-89 to 1990-91 are as follows :—

Cotton season (Sept-August)	Quantity (in lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1988-89	0.76	72.14
1989-90	13.71	610.52
1990-91 (Provisional)	11.88	560.10

During the cotton seasons 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, there was no import of cotton by the Government.